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SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT TO SOUTH ASIA

REF: KATHMANDU 1448

1. EVENING APRIL 9, AS REFERENCE BEING TRANSMITTED, FOREIGN MINISTRY SENT EMBASSY COPY OF REVISED PROGRAM FOR DEPSEC VISIT INCORPORATING CHANGES DISCUSSED AT APRIL 9 MEETING REPORTED REFTEL. THIS APPARENTLY REPRESENTS EFFORT GIVE US AS DEFINITIVE STATEMENT AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO TWO- DAY SHUTDOWN FOR RELIGIOUS FESTIVITIES APRIL 10-11. SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18 AND FRIDAY, APRIL 20 REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM VERSION REPORTED REFTEL EXCEPT THAT NEW PROGRAM SPECIFIES THAT VISITORS WILL BE WELCOMED AT AIRPORT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BY FOREIGN MINISTER GYANENDRA BAHADUR KARKI.

2. SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 19, AS STATED IN REVISED PROGRAM, FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, APRIL 19:

0745 LEAVE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE, SITAL NIWAS
FOR TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT (SEE ANNEX I)

0800 LEAVE KATHMANDU BY SPECIAL HELICOPTER

0830 ARRIVE THARKE GHYANG

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0010 LEAVE THARKE GHYANG

0920 ARRIVE SYABRAMBESI AFTER TOUR OF
LANGTANG VALLEY

0935 LEAVE SYABRAMBESI

1000 ARRIVE GORKHA

1030 LEAVE GORKHA

1100 ARRIVE TRIBHUVAN AIRPORT, KATHMANDU

1120 ARRIVE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE, SITAL NIWAS,

1150 LEAVE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE, SITAL NIWAS,
FOR SINGHA DURBAR.

1200 CALL ON HONORABLE MR. GYANENDRA
BAHADUR KARKI

1230 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER, RIGHT
HONORABLE KIRTFNIDHI BIST

1300 INFORMAL LUNCH BY THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR
LEAVE RESIDENCE FOR ROYAL PALACE
SIGN VISITORS' BOOK
AUDIENCE WITH THEIR MAJESTIES,
THE KING AND QUEEN

2000 DINNER BY HONORABLE BYANENDRA
BAHADUR KARKI

ANNEX I

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY EXCEPT MR. AND MRS. RUSH AND MR. AND
MRS. SISCO WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM :

0800 LEAVE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE, SITAL NIWAS,
FOR A DRIVE ALONG KODARI HIGHWAY UP
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TO DHULIKHEL (IF HAZY VISIT TO

BHAKTAPUR)

0900 LEAVE DHULIKHEL OR BHAKTAPUR FOR
KATHMANDU

VISIT HANUMAN DHOKA AND DURBAR SQUARE

1000 LEAVE HANUMAN DHOKA FOR TRIBHUVAN
UNIVERSITY

1045 LEAVE TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY FOR
SIGHTSEEING IN PATAN

1120 LEAVE PATAN FOR ROYAL GUEST HOUSE

3. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REQUESTED
PARA 5, STATE 063495, INsofar AS IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN
CONVEYED IN THIS MESSAGE AND REFTTEL, BUT ARE UNLIKELY TO BE
ABLE TO GET YOU MUCH MORE BEFORE FRIDAY IN VIEW OF LOCAL
HOLIDAYS. PLEASE NOTE THAT NEITHER OF GON PROGRAMS SO FAR
PROVIDED HAVE MENTIONED MEETING BY DEPUTY SECRETARY AND
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WITH MISSION STAFF AT PHORA DURBAR
MID- AFTERNOON THURSDAY. WE WILL WORK THIS INTO SCHEDULE WHEN
PRECISE TIME FOR AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED
TO US.
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